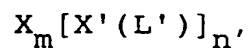


DUAL FUNCTIONING EXCIPIENT FOR METAL
CHELATE CONTRAST AGENTS

Abstract

5 A novel dual functioning excipient for metal
chelate contrast agents is disclosed. The present
excipient,



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which is the calcium or zinc salt of the calcium or
zinc complex of an organic ligand, enhances safety
in that it is able to scavenge both free metal ions
and free organic ligand.

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